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## MADE HIS HOME A FORTRESS.

Tenant Had Neat Way of Shutting Out Undesirable Visitors.

"Alterations to suit tenant" was a part of the sign in a Philadelphia building, telling that it had been over the store was to let. One day lately a prospective tenant applied and expressed himself as pleased with the location and quarters, as well as the terms. As to alterations he had only one thing to suggest, namely, that the stair steps be fixed to the top floor with a pair of stout hinges, and cords be attached so that they might be raised and lowered, in a way best illustrated perhaps by the attachments of a fire escape. Anxious to get a tenant and seeing no particular objection to this arrangement, the landlord complied. His tenant, a quiet man, was wont to go to his quarters early in the forenoon and at once draw the steps up to the ceiling. A few only of his many visitors, those, in fact, who gave a peculiar whistle, were accommodated by the lowering of the steps. The others were ignored. The landlord, fearful lest some unlawful transaction might be going on in his building, called upon the tenant for an explanation. "Oh," was the reply, "my friends have the whistle. The other fellows are creditable." The hinges are still working.

## ICELANDERS ARE LONG LIVED.

Average Age There Double Mean Duration of Human Life.

It would be interesting to know if any part of the world beats Iceland in the average length of life of its inhabitants. It is shown in the census of 1900 that on an average the people of that island live to the age of 61.8 years, which is very nearly double the mean duration of human life as it was computed a generation ago. Sweden and Norway are regarded as very healthful countries, but Iceland takes the palm in longevity, the mean duration of life in Sweden being 50.02 years and in Norway 49.94 years. Some of Iceland's earthquakes are nerve-racking, but on the whole the lives of most of its simple and industrious inhabitants slip along with few incidents that unduly stimulate or depress the pulse. Summer and winter the same old mail boat from Leith steams into the harbor of Reykjavik every three weeks, but very rarely brings news that touches Iceland so closely as to make excitement. In fact the little island enjoys many of the advantages of civilization and avoids most of its drawbacks.—Christian Advocate.

## A Hard Task.

A Chicago man tells of a resident of that city who had been unsuccessful in one venture after another. At last, however, he made a large sum of money by means of an invention in car wheels; and very soon thereafter his family, consisting of his wife and two young daughters, were to be seen taking their daily outing in a motor car. One day the three were being driven rapidly through the park, while a look of painful self-consciousness overspread the features of the inventor's wife, as she sat bolt upright, looking straight before her. "Now, ma," came in clear tones from one of the daughters, whose keen face was alive with enjoyment, "now, ma, can't you roll back and not look as if the water was boiling over?"—Youth's Companion.

## World's Oldest Republic.

So far as practical considerations go Switzerland is the oldest of surviving republics. Two puny republics, however, long antedate the Helvetic confederation and in strict accuracy one of these two must be the oldest republic of all now in existence. One of them is the republic of San Marino in Italy, on Mount Titano, the oldest state in Europe and one of the smallest in the world. The other is the republic of Andorra in the Pyrenees, made independent by Charlemagne. No fixed date can be assigned to either of these, both are mediaeval relics, and San Marino may be identified even before the middle ages began.

## Woes of the Druggist.

"If you want to meet the limit of nerve," remarked a druggist, "you must keep a drug store." Most people seem to think the place is for public accommodation, without the necessity of any real patronage on their part. We have had a good many nervy requests, but one the other day capped the climax. It was raining hard and a woman we didn't know, who lived three blocks away, telephoned us to send her two two-cent postage stamps."

## Why Letters Are Unwritten.

Why not keep up writing-desk supplies just as conscientiously as those for the pantry? asks a writer. Few households would get along a week without sugar, salt or soap, yet how many letters are unanswered for the lack of a good pen, a stamp or an envelope? It is not the expense, but lack of thought, that keeps an insufficient or meager supply of the necessary articles on hand.

## Dignity of Ownership.

"I saw a sign in a restaurant down at Galion the other day," said a Cleveland man, "that struck me as an effective means of upholding the dignity of the establishment. The proprietor of the restaurant is a big man, weighing about 200 pounds, and put up like a prize ox. His sign says: 'If You Want to Know Who Runs This Place Just Start Something.'—Cleveland Plain Dealer."

REMEDIES FOR ALL DISEASES.

But No Particular Cure-All for Every Malady.

Every disease has its remedy, and in the search for that remedy hundreds of cults of medicine have sprung up. One man pins his faith in minute doses of powerful drugs; another walks barefoot over wet grass; one is confident that mud baths induce health, and still another urges us to chew each mouthful of food at least 30 times before swallowing. No doubt, every one of these "cures" is of benefit to some form of disease. The mistake of followers of the treatments is in thinking their particular remedy a cure-all for every malady. There are no universal remedies. Indeed, every type of disease must receive special attention and be treated after the fashion long experience and study have taught the medical profession is best adapted to the case. Certainly respond quickly to drugs, the virtues of which are sometimes wonderfully effective. Others need nothing but fresh air; still others a change of climate, and a variety of diseases need no drugs and no journeys to the mountains, but are best relieved by simple dieting.—Leslie's Weekly.

## RIGHT AND LEFT HANDEDNESS.

Matter of Physical Structure, According to an Authority.

George M. Gould of Philadelphia says that mentality preceded and created structure. It has been shown that the mechanisms that give the man external validity, speech and writing, are one-sided. This one-sided differentiation is progressive throughout life. Right-handedness is partially matter of right-handedness. In 97 per cent of children the right eye is the better-seeing eye. If one is right-handed the centers for writing and speech must be on the left side and the visual centers on the same side. Pathology follows any attempt to interfere with right or left-handedness. Those persons who demand right-handedness of the left-handed child make him morbid and maladjusted. The author gives several very interesting cases of the lifelong crippling of the faculties and mechanism of writing resulting from attempts to make a left-handed person learn to use the wrong side of his brain for writing.—Medical Record.

## The Modern Woman.

It was in a Lenox avenue subway train and a very tired and cross youngster of four, who had evidently spent the day shopping with his mother, was keeping the car in a turmoil, a little pastime of his own. He sprawled all over his mother's lap, at the same time keeping up a whimpering cry: "Mamma, mamma, mamma." This went on until an elderly man sitting next suddenly turned to the child with: "Have you a father?" The youngster started out of his imaginary grip, stopped crying and nodded his head. "Yes." "Well, for Heaven's sake, call him and give your mother a rest." The boy sat up like a ramrod and never let out another whimper.—N. Y. Sun.

## Smuggling Popular.

Smuggling is still a fairly flourishing industry in England. According to the annual report recently issued, of the commissioners of customs for the year ending last March, the number of detected attempts to smuggle dutiable goods during the past year was the largest recorded since 1895. The quantities of tobacco, cigars and spirits seized were less than in the preceding year, but there was a considerable increase in the number of seizures and of persons fined. Some 3,104 persons were fined for smuggling, and the penalties recovered amounted to \$1,900. The tobacco and cigars seized amounted to 11,222 pounds and the foreign spirits to 82 gallons.

## Whalebone Worth Millions.

A century ago, when whalebone was worth no more than ten cents a pound, few vessels brought any home. From 1844 to the outbreak of the civil war the output averaged about 2,800,000 pounds annually, the greatest for one year being 5,692,300 pounds in 1855, and the price increased to one dollar a pound. Since 1860 there has been a steady decrease in the output. The total amount of whalebone landed in America in the course of the nineteenth century exceeded 90,000,000 pounds, worth at the present market valuation about \$450,000,000, a sum that would make the possessor one of the richest men in the world, if not the richest of all.

## Taking No Chances.

Johnson (to wife)—"Well, Maria, I'm going to stay at home with you today and help you to tidy up the house. I'll take down the carpets and hang up the pictures to begin with." Mrs. Johnson (to the children)—"Children, you may go over to grandma's and stay all day. (Aside) I know my husband is a deacon of the church, but for all that he's just as apt to hit his thumb with a hammer as any other man."—Stray Stories.

## Cautious Answer.

The caution of the Aberdonian in giving an answer to a direct question was well illustrated the other day, when one was asked: "Was not your father's death very sudden?" Slowly drawing one hand from his pocket and pulling down his beard, the interrogated one cautiously replied: "Aye, it was unco' sudden for him. I ne'er ken o' ma feyher bein' in a hurry before."—Stray Stories.

## No Matter About Him.

Mr. Lendout—"Yes, sir, that horse is a beauty. You'll have to hold him in. Our terms are pay in advance when you buy." Hon. Firstmount—"How are you 'fraid-haw'-I shall come back without him—haw'-wee sir. But he might come back without you!"—Stray Stories.

## MOROCCANS USE LOVE CHARMS.

Queer Means Employed by Women to Gain Affection.

Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell writes of the curious charms used by the women of Morocco: "Moorish women resort much to charms to gain lovers or to keep their affections when gained. There is one charm which is seldom known to fail. It consists of shredding a small piece of an undergarment which the man has worn and, after certain incantations have been said over it, of rolling the particles into the shape of a small ball. This is embedded in a larger ball of clay and, after being slightly dampened, it is kept in a pot over the embers of live charcoal. I have been assured that as soon as the heat penetrates the clay the man, whoever he may be, will lay aside whatever work he is doing at the time and fly to the arms of the woman who invokes the charms. As long as the ball is kept warm so long will the heat of love burn in the heart of the lover for that woman. Another spell much resorted to is cast by cutting on the tips of a donkey's ears, cooking them and mixing them in the man's food. He then becomes as foolish as a donkey with love for the charmer who has provided his unsavory repast."

## ON THE GROUND OF ECONOMY.

Acceptance of Physician's Offer Was Lesser of Two Evils.

A Chicago medicos tells of two physicians in a Wisconsin town; the one elderly, with a long record of course the other young, with his record still to make. The older doctor, it appears, was inclined to surrender some of his night work to the younger man. One bitter night in winter the veteran was aroused by two farmers from hamlet eight miles away, the wife of one of whom was seriously ill. The doctor at once referred them to his young colleague, but they refused the latter's services. "Very well," replied the doctor, thinking to put a convincing argument before them, "In that case my fee is ten dollars." The house martins had walled her up for daring to take possession of their house.—Country Life.

## Martins' Revenge.

A correspondent tells the story of two house martins' nests built against an attic window of a farm, to which the birds came for several successive years. Last spring, however, before they arrived, a sparrow took up her abode in one of the nests.

Shortly after the martins returned as usual, and one day the farm people noticed that the hole of the nest which the sparrows occupied had been blocked up. Next morning a boy climbed up to ascertain the meaning of this, and not finding any outlet, broke away part of the nest to find the poor little sparrow dead on her eggs.

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## The 20-minute sermon.

Open your atlas at the map of Africa, and there set like a pearl on the northwest shoulder of the continent

you will see a country called Morocco.

It almost touches Europe; at the narrowest part there is but nine miles of strait between it and Spain, so you might think the Moors had become quite civilized in the course of ages through having such cultivated neighbors so near. It is not so, however.

And, strange to say, the more you see of western progress, the more they despise it. It is a big country, this Morocco, and explorers have left it alone, for the natives detest Christians, fearing lest they want to take away from them their lovely land where it is always summer and where the soil, if just scratched with a crooked stick, responds with a bountiful harvest.

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## Helpful.

"Say, Boss," began the beggar, "gimme de price of a square meal, won't ye? I don't want booze, I'll go right into dis restaurant—"

"Haven't got any money for you," growled the dyspeptic who had just come out, "but I'll give you a tip. If you do get the price don't go in there for a square meal, for you won't get it."—Philadelphia press.

## A Real Luther Coin.

The collection of coins of a St. Petersburg scholar, says the Berliner Tageblatt, was recently overhauled and a unique Luther coin was discovered.

It came originally from Novgorod, where it was found in an old house which was being reconstructed.

On one side is the head of Luther, which is also shown when the coin is reversed, but with a fool's cap upon his head.

On the reverse side there is a likeness of the pope, which also appears when the coin is reversed, but the head is ornamented on the reverse side with devil horns.

The Latin inscription explains that Luther becomes a fool and the pope a devil by reversing the piece. It is believed that there is no similar coin in existence.

## Wholesale Nobility.

The noble families of Prussian Poland have become so numerous as almost to swamp the common people of the province. The priest of the village of Konitz replied to a circular issued by the government that every one of the 40 families in his congregation was of noble birth.

## Clothes of the Man.

Clothes don't make the man, but in some instances they make a pretty affective disguise.

## No Deception in "Henkel's"

You know what you are eating when you use Henkel's Flour. You know that you are giving your family the healthiest, the most invigorating, and the purest food which can come to your table.

Ask your Grocer for Henkel's "BREAD" Flour, a Spring Wheat Flour for Bread.

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Sheriff	Chas. V. ASKE
Clark	John W. BRIN
Treasurer	W. J. PALMER
Prosecuting Attorney	W. J. PALMER
Judge of Probate	W. J. PALMER
Surrogate	A. E. NORMAN JR.
SUPERVISORS	
South Branch	John F. GIBSON
Magie Branch	Wm. S. CHALKER
Grayling	John F. HUM
Frederic	C. CRAVEN

Village Officers	
President	John F. OLSON
Clerk	John F. OLSON
Assessor	John F. OLSON
Treasurer	John F. OLSON
Trustee	John F. OLSON
Peterson	C. CLARK

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Pastor Rev. E. G. JOHNSON. Preaching Services at 10 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Sabbath school at 10 a.m.; Edward League, 6:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. All cordially invited to attend the services.

Presbyterian Church

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# PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

## MAKING BUSINESS OF BENEVOLENCE.

By John D. Rockefeller.

It takes a practical mind to make a fortune. Men have often said in my hearing, "Oh, how I wish we were rich! If I had money I should do this great work or that." Now, those men will never be rich. They haven't got the purpose and practical bent of mind for it. They think of the fruits of victory without the struggle. It is necessary to fix the mind pretty firmly upon the making of money before it is possible to plan its spending. I remember clearly when the financial plan—if I may call it so of my life was formed. I was in Ohio, under the ministration of a dear old minister who preached, "Get money; get it honestly, and then give it wisely." I wrote that down in a little book, with that writing in it. I have tried ever since to "get money honestly and to give it wisely."

There is a great deal of folly shown in the distribution of benevolence. Its substance is a trust, then it is very serious business, this matter of dispensing it. One must simply get rid of it and have a free conscience. A responsibility attaches to the distribution. I have an idea on that point, to this effect: Let us have benevolent trusts—corporations to manage the business of benevolence.

## SMALL TOWN IDEAL PLACE TO LIVE.

By Milton Starr.

Some people in happy circumstances are unhappy. Many who are better off in their small town would like to live in a large one. Bigness does not mean happiness. It does not insure content, which anywhere is essential to happiness. The town of 3,000 almost anywhere in the agricultural regions of this country is more favorable as a place of residence than is the average town of 30,000 or larger. It is cleaner and healthier. It has a better class of people. The average of intelligence and of character is higher. If the small town is without saloons it has that distinct advantage over others, large and small, which have, and the larger towns usually have the saloon and the evils which congregate about it. The small town has no considerable vicious element, whereas that element rules many of the larger towns. The air of the small town is clear and pure; that of the big town sometimes is loaded with smoke and soot and burdened with the bad odors of dirty streets. The small town has as good schools, as good churches, as good teachers, and as good preachers, and recognition in the home and society does not depend so much upon money. There is less sabbony and dissipation. There is a juster recognition of personal worth. At the same time the conveniences and luxuries of life are to be enjoyed, and living is cheaper.

The word that is to be spoken to the people of the small town is the word of appeal to make the best of natural advantage. If they are to go into manufactures, economy dictates what they must be. If abundant raw materials exist and if there is practically unlimited local

demand for the product, it is a clear case. If there is great local demand, while transportation costs shall figure in the cost of the product, it may pay. Those things settle themselves when men of means are weaned of speculation abroad and are satisfied with modest returns of money invested at home.

## PLEASURE IMPOSES YOKE OF IRON.

By Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis.

Consider that all schemes of living based upon pleasure, sensual delights or worldliness impose upon man a yoke of iron. If the biography of epicures tells us anything, if the dump of experience throws any light on the path of life, then the way of worldly pleasure is a sorry way, steep path, and pleasure's yoke is a yoke of iron. Strangely enough, if many people were to serve Christ with half the zeal and self-sacrifice that they serve vanity, frivolity and sensual delights, they would exhibit zeal that would give them a place in the book of martyrs.

The time has come when some speak of the big, splendid virtues of a former generation as old-fashioned virtues. Well, the old-fashioned flowers in a mother's garden are the sweetest flowers that ever grew. We never will outgrow the virtues of our fathers, that were rooted in faith, matured on courage, illustrated in a struggle for liberty, and compacted in the laws and institutions of the land. These poor, silly, restless folk that want to cast off the yoke and faith of their fathers choose yokes of iron. They want an easy yoke. But when it is too late, they find the yoke is iron, and that the shoulders are worn raw, that the feet are cut, and the heart is broken, and that hope is dead.

## GHOSTS DOMINATE THE WORLD.

By Rev. Dr. Frank Crane.

In Ibsen's play, "Ghosts," Mrs. Alving claims, upon discovering the evil nature of her son, and realizing that it is traceable to the father, that she seems to hear ghosts. Extending her thought, she adds that she feels that her own called principles are but ghosts. Ghosts, she cries, fill the earth, thick as the sands of the sea; she sees them between the lines of the newspaper, they dominate the world—ghosts of dead creeds, dead-passions, dead-conventions. Ibsen was more than a moral-breaker of convictions—he was a master and knew life. He perceived the truth that men's minds are controlled not by reason so much as by the long gray arms of vanished reasons; not by living, intelligent convictions so much as by the crystallized power of dead convictions; not by voluntary will, but by automatic institutions.

We are born into a rag-ridden world. We find all the prizes of life mortgaged by our fathers' fears. We are bidden to conform or die. To revolt wildly at all of this is folly; for the ghosts are too strong for us, and we fight as they who beat the aif, only to make ourselves ridiculous. But the way to freedom is to find the truth and sell it not to cling to it, to follow it unwaveringly, better to find love and follow that strong Son of God, who is truth's self. Following Him we come ever into wider chambers, and last to freedom.

to have seen it in print before. We

## AN EXTINCT ANIMAL.

The Saber-Toothed Tiger Was a Formidable Creature.

The most remarkable of all the extinct feline animals are those known to naturalists as the saber-toothed cat or tigers, a group comprising a greater part of all the fossil forms. They date back to the earliest times of which we know anything about the family in North America and reach down to the time of man himself. A large and powerful species described from the Indian Territory by Cope lived contemporaneously with the hairy mammoth, as evidenced by the commingling of their skeletons. There can be little of no question but that the hairy mammoth was contemporaneous with man in North America as well as in Europe. Its geological range is from the close of the eocene to the later part of the pleistocene.

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## Two Tragedies.

A poet had a wife and the wife had little to eat. After several weeks of failure to get money wherewith to purchase food she ran away with a cab driver who owned his outfit and acted as though he owned the city.

The blow will kill him," cried people. "She has ruined his career." It didn't kill him, for he turned his sorrow into a sonnet that he sold for \$5, and reviewers said that the font of inspiration had at last been opened to him.

The man's wife deserted him, and the neighbors were more interested than he was.

"Poor fellow," they said, "it will drive him to drink."

"It did, for he was one who never lost an opportunity, and his wife was a strict teetotaler."—New York Sun.

## Exiled Forever.

The gray-haired man, tall and dignified, stood on the deck of the outward-bound steamer trying vainly to control the tears that coursed down his worn and haggard cheeks. "Alas," he sighed as the ship moved slowly from the dock,

"I shall never see this, my old home, again!"

"What was your sin?" asked the sympathetic passenger, "that it is punished by external exile?"

"Sir," answered the tearful man pitiably, "it was not sin, it was folly. I was a judge at the baby show."—Florida Times Union.

Much that passes for patience is simply laziness.

No idle person recognizes the rights of busy people.

The man who preaches for a salary never gets anything else.

Light-heartedness never comes from feeding on the froth of life.

It takes more than smooth words to smooth out life's rough places.

You hold a boy from power when you protect him from pain and hardship.

When you brand a vice as harmless you have augmented its power to hurt.

The places where we have helped others are our milestones on the way to heaven.

# Popular Pupil

## PROSPERITY OF THE WICKED.

By Henry A. Cope.

"For I was envious at the foolish when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."—*Ps. lxviii.* 3.

Some saints have lost a lot of sleep worrying over the prosperity of the wicked, and some sinners have made themselves ridiculous boasting over their immunity from adversity. It has seemed strange to the saints that the omnipotent, who hates sin, should allow so many of the good things of this world to fall into the hands of the unworthy; if they had a chance they could tell where they would be much better bestowed.

It is true that there are many bad men who have plenty of money, lands and other possessions; it is true that there are many thoroughly good men and women who do not have even as much as they seem to need. But it also is true that the snarling, clamorous voice of envy ever is ready to assert that a man must have sold his soul to the devil, one because he has secured some measure of success.

The saints are not all poor; the sinners are not all rich. Riches are not at all an index to character or to worth. The moral order of the universe does not have to justify itself by the precise and equitable division of dollars. The indictment of Providence on account of the prosperity of the wicked simply indicates the tendency of us all to measure all things by the money standard.

Who is the prosperous man? There

is a world of difference between being personally prosperous and being the nominal possessor of things that are prosperous in themselves. A poor kind of a man may own a rich farm and a man may be rich in himself while getting his living off a poor farm or in a poor job.

Prosperity must be measured by the person and not by his possessions. We

answer the question, "How much is a man worth?" By quoting figures and bank account. Put we know well that

many a man said to be worth millions

is actually not worth 10 cents in himself.

Is not in his own character adding one mite to the world's wealth?

What are you, the real self, worth?

Is your life prosperous? Is your heart getting richer? Are your sympathies broadening, your ideas and hopes becoming worth more to you and to the world? Even though you had all those things which you envy others, would not your prosperity still depend on yourself? Can any other than yourself make you essentially either richer or poorer?

This is not a plea for men to be content with poverty; to every man belongs that share of this world's things which he shall earn by the investment of himself in the world. Religion does not mean the love of poverty nor the lack of spirit of duty and responsibility.

Don't shout "Amen," unless you are willing to back it up with what you are and have. The Lord prefers action to words.

Common things are made to serve a religious purpose by bringing to the use of them a religious motive. A religious motive brings to the use of other common things will make them serve a religious purpose also.

Everything with which the hand of man has to do, the divine hand had to do with first. He made the raw material man makes the finished product. The true view to take of every legitimate work is that it is an opportunity to help complete the work of creation. The right motive put into what we do will give it something of the same look belonging to what He has done. The great end of life is moral, and every necessary work has a bearing on that end.

There is vastly more for men in the place of toil than health or wealth or enjoyment. And the bow in the clouds tells how to get it.

**DONTS FOR CHURCHMEN.**

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Don't try to attract the attention of men in the discharge of your religious duties. Such conduct only makes them smile and the devil laugh aloud.

But how foolish are we who judge

by that which is on the surface,

who talk about the injustice of a world

in which bad men can get so many good

things and fail to see that no bad man ever came in sight of the real good of

anything, while no good man can be hindered from or deprived of the enduring and satisfying good of life.

The man himself is the secret of prosperity or adversity. He determines whether his life shall be rich or poor.

Into the great game of life no element of chance enters; we are not the puppets of blind forces which in innumerable sport lift us up or toss us down;

we will for ourselves whether we take the good or lose it, whether we will have heaven or let it go.

Not man ever lived toward the things that are better, really sought the things that are best, without enriching himself. No rich, rich in friendship, beauty, riches, and the deep, quick joys of life ever had reason to envy the one who had set his heart on things and thus had bought them.

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## Home Circle Department

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers, as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

### Talk With Young Men.

"There is always room enough up higher," said Webster, and so there is. It's better to be a first-class cobbler than third-class lawyer. There is more pleasure and satisfaction in it and more money. It is not the "good trade" that makes men rich, but the good understanding of the trade. Some would be poor all their lives and yet work at the best trade known to man; they don't understand it, and they never will. They toil on, hoping for success, when the work is in direct antagonism with their whole being. We do not believe in giving up the ship until we know it must go down; but, if we find, after commencing a work that we are wholly unfitted for, it had better try some other. All men were not born with the power to perform the same work. And yet, it is not necessary that we spend a lifetime in fruitless endeavor to find our place. If we know ourselves we shall know our mission; if we do not, poor success is inevitably ours. We can not how much a man may study and experiment, if mechanism is not in his head it cannot come out. You cannot grow pumpkins on squash vines.

Young men, study yourselves, choose your work, and if it satisfies you move on. Bid defiance to all obstacles. Don't surrender to phantoms—they will ever challenge you; fight it out on some line. "If it takes all summer." Our boats are headed up the river, and just so sure as we drop the oars so sure we will float down. Keep rowing.

This is becoming a wonderful world. Everything is done by steam pressure. When the great Atlantic cable was being lowered it was on all tongues as the greatest project the world had ever known, and he who was the possessor of an inch piece of the twisted wire was rich in riches. Now we have almost forgotten there is such a thing. The air ship is the one center of attraction, but in a few years that too will move into the shadow of some mightier scheme.

The most foolish thing in the world is said to be "to bow to the rich till you are unable to stand erect in the presence of an honest man."

### Spelling Schools.

We should like to see the old-fashioned spelling schools once more in vogue in every school district. Good spellers, now-a-days, are so rare that they are indeed exceptional. They are not abundant among collegiates, more's the pity, and in the intermediate grades of students they are but here and there seen. In nine-tenths of the letters received by any establishment having letter communication with a large number of people, errors in orthography are remarkably frequent.

This is a sad comment on our study of the primaries. It calls for some new educational effort; some system that shall awaken new interest in the particular branch alluded to. The best we know of is the old one whose revival we now advocate. Not that it teaches all in connection with orthography which the young ought to know, but that it adds a peculiar zest to the study. With the many beliefs which the scholars of today possess over those of a generation ago, they should be far ahead in this branch as in all others. That they are not is due to the comparatively dry manner in which orthography is taught at the present time in all sections of our country.

A dictionary is not, on the whole, a very fascinating work for continual perusal; no more is a speller and definition of smaller dimensions. A spelling school, of a winter evening, with the excitement of "choosing sides," and final measurement of syllabifications in "spelling down," or even an hour devoted to the same, of an occasional afternoon, when recitations flag, add a lively impetus is wanted, will tell to capital advantage. Try it, you teachers in the rural districts, and having proved our words true, turn to your fellow teachers in the town districts, who believe that to perpetuate such an ancient custom would savor of old-fogeyism, and say to them with the emphasis of your experience,—"Go thou and do likewise."

If you would know a man's true character, see him in his family.

The luckiest man is he who makes his luck by careful forethought.

### Have Von Enemies?

Go straight on and don't mind them. If they get in your way walk round them regardless of their spite. A man who has no enemies is seldom

good for anything; he is made of that kind of material which is as easily worked that every man has a hand in it. A sterling character is one who thinks for himself, and speaks what he thinks; he is always sure to have enemies. They are as necessary to him as fresh air; they keep him alive and active. A celebrated character who was surrounded by enemies used to remark: "They are sparks which, if you do not blow, will go out of themselves." "Live down prejudice," was the Iron Duke's motto. Let this be your feeling while endeavoring to live down the scandal of those who are bitter against you. If you stop to dispute, you do but as they desire, and open the way for more abuse.

Let the poor fellows talk—there will be a reaction if you perform but your duty, and hundreds who were once alienated from you will flock to you and acknowledge their error.

### Timid People.

It is the habit of some people to laugh at the terror which is experienced by others at the heavy thunder crash or the flashing lightning. This is both cruel and wicked, since the victim is no more to blame for it than for the color of his eyes and hair—in fact, like them, it is often hereditary. Such persons should be pitied and soothed, and allowed, during these periods to be always near some one whom they love and confide in. More especially is this true of children, some of whom suffer more than words can tell from this as well as other causes of fear. Deal gently with such; it is the only way to eradicate their fears; ridicule, and harshness will only confirm them. The child "afraid of the dark" should never be enforced to encounter it unattended and unwatched. Idiocy has often been the sad result of contrary treatment. Let both parents and teachers, then, be thoughtful in these regards.

The true manner of judging the worth of amusements is to try them by the effect on the nerves and spirits the day after. True amusement ought to be, as the word indicates, recreation—something that refreshes, turns us out anew, rests the body and the mind by change, and gives cheerfulness and alacrity to our return to duty.

No career, however noble or exalted may seem in itself, will truly bless him who follows it, unless he carries into it the spirit of truth, justice and love. Then, all business is sacred, and all life is religion.

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### Our December Forecast.

Welcome to you old December, with your snappy, breezy days, when we're trying to make a dollar go a thousand different ways. When the hunter goes a gunning and the frisky rabbits skate to nooks and corners in the woods to stay the hand of fate. When Brother Turkey, fat and sleek, and all the poultry stock can be plainly seen to shudder every time they see the block.

The turkey who outlives today.

Will cash his check on Christmas day. The fair young maid with tender eyes will soon begin on Christmases;

While he who gets her loving dose, Needs ten times worse, a bar of soap.

The youth who's victim of her mask Will save up all his surplus cash, And after wondering what to get Will blow it on a toilet set.

The small boy longs for Christmas as the baby does for Castoria. The found parent who expects to buy daughter dear a set of furs, will now be content to give her a new belt buckle and a nutmeg grater. Whiskers on oysters will need a shave and "Wasn't at all what I expected" will be the pass-word. The fond husband will begin to wear all his old neckties and secretly wonder what disposition he can make of those

Christmas cigars. "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, will be resurrected from Little orphan Annie's scrap book and given its annual outing by the youthful prodigy, amid the plaudits of enthusiastic relatives.

The football cranks with iron clad jaws

Are singing out their rah, rah, rahs.

While up and down the campus flats, They try to break each other's slats.

The sewing club will soon convene around the buzzing sewing machine; the fancy quilt will get its dues, while all the members tell the news. Arguments, both pro and con, about the ladies putting on a fancy holiday bazaar, will stir em up and raise a war and four or five who heretofore have done nine-tenths or even more, or all the work will stay away and let the others have full sway.

The pond will soon be frozen o'er, And kids will venture out.

To see the air holes in the ice, Play skinny, laugh and shout.

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Oh, it's now I want to get away from the place where money holds full sway; away from toil and all its cares; away from the morbid crowd's wild stares. Back to the farm-house I would go; where there's things to eat and not to show; where you live and die in a natural way and life's worth living every day; where every night you rest your head upon a downy feather bed and in the morn when Mother wakes, you tickle your slats with buckwheat cakes.

The hunter bold, who we are told, Desires to kill a bison,

Now has a chance to rid his pants Of all his superfluous money.

He buys a pair of hammerless.

And some smokeless corduroys,

And with some gin, for "medicine,"

Goes gunning with the boys.

Brier Rabbit goes a skootin' by—

The sportsman lets her flicker,

And when the amoke has cleared away

He hears the rabbit snicker.

One fellow thinks a man's a deer

And shoots him in the slats,

While seven of the others

Get bullets thru their hats.

One gunner plugs a jersey cow,

Another hits a mule;

Two others have an argument,

And end it with a duel.

Another one looked down a gun

Just as the thing exploded.

The epitaph reads on his tomb:

"He didn't know 'twas loaded."

And when the hunters homeward turn

From their successful outing,

They go and buy a bunch of game

To keep their friends from doubting.

### A Significant Prayer.

"May the Lord help you make Bucken's Arnica Salve known to all," writes J. G. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. It quickly takes the pain out of felon for me and cured it in a wonderfully short time." Best on earth for sores, burns and wounds. 25¢ at A. M. Lewis' drug store.

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## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Local and Neighborhood News.

### Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year IN ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

### Subscribers take Notice

On and after the first day of January, 1908, the subscription price of the AVALANCHE will be \$1.50 per year payable in advance. The price of paper is higher than ever before known, and the cost of all material used in the printing business has advanced to such an extent that this action is an imperative necessity if the paper is to be kept even self sustaining, to say nothing of any profit. All subscriptions received before January 1st, whether new or renewals will be at \$1.00 per year.

A new advertising schedule will also be made for the coming year.

**Every subscriber to the AVALANCHE is requested to look at the date on his paper this week, and to read the notice above.**

For fire insurance see R. W. Brink.

Be in the lookout for Hathaway's new stock of Xmas goods.

G. W. Marsh of Holly is visiting his sister, Mrs. Hadley.

Go to C. J. Hathaway for Edison phonographs and records.

Men's Mackinaw jackets \$1.50 sold for \$2.75. Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

The prices are as small as the assortment is large at Sorenson's Furniture store.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next years reading at once.

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A Garland Air Tight Heater for sale. Price \$10. A bargain for some one. Inquire at this office.

Members of the W. R. C. take notice. Election of officers at the next regular meeting, Sat. 14. All members are requested to be present.

Shoes for men, ladies and children at a saving of 25 cents 50% Bell's at Gaylord.

The change from warm spring showers Monday, to snow blizzards Tuesday, was more than enough to effect the temper of a saint.

Canary Birds—Imported Harz Canaries, St. Andreasburg Canaries, English Canaries, also many other kinds of song and fancy birds for sale. VICTOR SALILING.

Edgar Dyer was with the Buckley Independent Base Ball Club during the season. He pitched 47 games and lost 5.

Canvas Gloves 4, 7 and 9 cents at Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

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Our holiday stock highest in quality—broadest in variety—finest in price, at Sorenson's furniture store.

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The Valkalia Club met last Friday evening at the home of Miss Goldie E. Pond; a very enjoyable evening was spent and a dainty lunch served.

The girls are very busy with their play, which they will have during the Christmas holidays. Watch for the date.

Ladies' hose 6 and 8 cents, men's 4 and 7 cents Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

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It has been the talk of several counties that Bell's store has been closed during the past few days in order to take inventory, and mark down stock preparing for the grand Bargain Festival this part of the country has ever seen. Wednesday morning Dec. 11, at 8 o'clock the doors were reopened, and 10 minutes later had to be locked on account of the jam that were on hand as early as 6:45 a.m. But is it a wonder? Every body knows BELL and his honorable business career. When he says that Clothing, Shoes, Furnishings, Furniture, must go at any old price because we need the money to pay our bills, you can bet dollars to doughnuts it's so. Now good people, Bell must sacrifice his immense stock to raise \$8,645 to pay his honest debts, and his loss is your gain.

Let all else go. Come to this grand Bargain Feast and get your share of all the good things that are being slaughtered without mercy or regard as to their real value. It's on every body's tongue that "if you buy of Bell, you're buying well," and shrewd shoppers have found it out.

We might go on and write a whole book about this grandest of all sales, but spend 5 minutes in the store, and you can grasp more quickly the wonderful enormity of the money saving opportunity at your very door. Why, it would pay you to borrow money at 7%, then come to Bell's and purchase your wants and double your money. Remember well that no reasonable offer will be refused, as the money must be raised. Sale will continue until these \$8,645 dollars are in Bell's till, and if you let the chance slip it is your unpardonable fault. FREE, so you will always remember this extraordinary sale, we will sweeten things up by presenting every customer with a box of French chocolates. Tell the good news to your friends, they will bless you. Make no mistake, look for the Big Yellow Banner, and you're right. Is it not a grand chance to purchase suits, overcoats, shoes, rubbers, underware of all kinds at less than cost of raw material. BELL, Gaylord, Wolverine.

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Come and look at our fine Holiday display, it is seldom that you have such a chance. So much goodness, so much variety, so much beauty, so much style and all at the fairest prices.

You will find your wants, and a pleasure to buy at

### Sorenson's Furniture Store.

These are Buying days for Xmas Shoppers. Every day is valuable, with only a short time to do your selecting.

Early buyers receive many advantages—chief among them being finest choice of selection and avoidance of the crowds of last day shopping.

Our stock of Christmas goods in every department was never so complete, so beautiful, so cheap, so again, come early.

Here are some Xmas opportunities from among the Mens', Womens' and Childrens' wearables:

Mens' Neckwear and Mufflers in the new shapes and colorings.

Jackets, Sweaters, Gloves and Skirts.

Linen Scarfs, Towels, Lunch cloths and Dollies, make a useful gift.

Why not get the boy a new suit or overcoat for Christmas? We have a splendid selection at very lowest prices.

Holiday Suspenders, one pair in a box.

Boys' and Girls' Gloves, Caps, Leggings, Coats and all most economically priced.

Ladies' Holiday aprons

The largest line of Xmas

in Lawn or Swiss, plain or dotted, with lace or ribbon

trimmings, at 25c. to 75c.

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For Poultry, Rabbits, Orchards, Gardens, etc.



Patented July 12, 1903  
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Stronger and closer spacing than any other make. Our Union Lock Hog, Field and Cattle Fence, Union Lawn Fence Gates, etc., guaranteed first class.</p

# The Avalanche

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AYLING, MICHIGAN.

A CRIME WAVE IN ST. JOSEPH

Twenty Hold-Ups, One Murder and Three Suicides in Single Day.

There were twenty hold-ups by masked men; one man was killed and three persons committed suicide in St. Joseph, Mo., during a recent twenty-four hours. Half of the police force has been put in citizens' clothes, orders have been issued to arrest all suspicious persons found on the streets after midnight and the police station is being filled with suspects. Because he refused to pay for a round of drinks James Stevens was struck on the head by J. B. Duncan, son of a prominent Democratic politician. Stevens fell dead. Duncan surrendered. While guests were assembling for a reception at the home of W. F. Hacker, Edith Wise, employed by Hacker, drank carbolic acid and died a few minutes later. William Sparks, an locomotive engineer, in spite of the protests of his wife and five children, cut his throat, dying half an hour later. P. M. Eversole, a farmer, swallowed carbolic acid in the presence of his family and died.

ASCENDS IN BIG KITE AIRSHIP.

Lieutenant Selfridge Makes Flight in Bell's Invention.

The tetrahedral kite Cygnet, the airship invention of Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, made a successful ascent above the waters of the Bras d'Or lakes. C. B. Moore, Prof. Bell's summer house and experimental laboratory are located on Carrying Lieut. Thomas E. Selfridge of the United States army, the big kite soared aloft with remarkable ease and maintained its poise without accident, while it was towed along above the water by a small steam launch. To the group of experimenters associated with Prof. Bell this performance of the kite was regarded as entirely satisfactory. Thus far the Cygnet has not been furnished with a motor for self-propulsion, although a space for such a motor was provided.

CAN FIND NO WORK IN TEXAS.

Hundreds of Immigrants Will Be Sent Back to Europe.

The North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American steamship companies have issued orders not to ticket any more immigrants from the northwestern gateway until industrial and financial conditions in the Texas country are improved. This is the result of unloading in Galveston several hundred aliens who, not being able to find work there became public charges. There are 500 of those scattered over the State, who will have to be returned to Europe at the expense of the steamship companies, and nearly 100 more arrived the other day.

FIND PROFIT IN HIGHER WAGES.

Independent Coke Operators Decide to Employ Only Americans.

Independent cokemakers of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville district have decided to decrease the price of producing coke by increasing the price of their workers. The day of the foreigner has passed, and however none but American-born or naturalized citizens of the United States will be employed about the 20,000 ovens of the independent operators. These Americans who paid higher wages through past to the foreigners, but the operators expect to decrease the cost of production.

Train Bandit Bares Theft.

Cattle贼, who is said to have been an agent of Secret Service Agent William J. Burns and is not held in San Francisco on a charge of having so exacted a confession from James W. Blaine, of complicity in the robbery of the great Northern Bank in Minnesota months ago, in which between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in gold and currency was stolen.

Peculiar Damage Suit.

Mrs. Fanny Silver alleges that a sledge hammer flew off its handle and struck her in the face, breaking her nose and knocking out two teeth in a suit for \$1,000 damages against the officers of the New American theater, New York. The hammer was wielded by the heroine of the play in defending herself from the villain.

Crime Rules in New York.

That more burglaries and robberies have occurred in New York during the last sixty days than at any other like period in the history of the city is the statement of the agents of half a dozen burglary insurance companies. The loss amounted to \$15,000,000.

Passes Race Separation Bill.

By a vote of 50 to 10, with four members absent, the Jim Crow measure providing for separate coaches and waiting rooms for the white and negro races was passed by the lower house of the Oklahoma Legislature.

New York's Blue Sunday.

New York has had its first "blue" Sunday, amusements of all kinds being closed. A movement is under way to modify the law so that some forms of amusement will be permitted.

Oscar II. of Sweden Dead.

Gustave V. has taken care of King of Sweden while the whole nation is bowed in grief for the death of Oscar II.

Call for Republican Convention.

The official call for the Republican national convention to be held in Chicago June 10, has been issued at Washington.

Ether Tax, or Roosevelt?

Walter Wollman, a disreputable from Washington says that President Roosevelt will accept a nomination by the Republican convention in case the nomination of Tats, which he greatly desires, is found to be impossible.

Closing of Kansas City Bank.

The National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City, Mo., failed to open its doors Thursday, and is in the hands of the national bank examiner. The bank is one of the oldest there and is the largest financial institution in the city.

Japé Stop Coöde Sodas.

Rodolphe Lemire, Canadian minister of labor, had a long conference with Vice-count Hayashi, minister of foreign affairs in Tokio. He received verbal assurances of the limitation of Japanese emigration. He will be given full details of plans on foot of its control.

Five Years for Wife Beater.

Five years in prison and a fine of \$1,000 is the penalty John Nathan must pay for wife beating. The sentence—the maximum provided by the law—was imposed by Justice Dowling in the Supreme Court in New York.

## AMBASSADOR SUMMONED HOME.

Aoki to Give Inside Facts to the Mikado.

Ambassador Aoki has been summoned to Japan by his government to explain personally and in detail the precise situation in this country in regard to Japanese immigration. When this mission has been fulfilled he is to return to Washington. The ambassador has been making a careful inquiry, on his own account, and through the various Japanese consul offices into the extent of the reported exclusion of Japanese immigrants in certain sections of the United States. Baron Ishii, one of the secretaries of the Japanese interior, has made an investigation, not only in California, Oregon and Washington, but also in British Columbia, upon which he has based a special report to his government. It is believed that the intention of the Japanese government in summoning Viscount Aoki to Tokyo is to obtain from him information which Baron Ishii could not have acquired during his short stay in America regarding the attitude of the administration, with special reference to the measures recently adopted by Japan to restrict the departure of the coolie element for America. Japan also desires a forecast of the likelihood of legislation for the exclusion of the Japanese. At the embassy it is stated that Viscount Aoki probably will leave Washington for Tokyo by way of San Francisco or Victoria about a fortnight, a fact which he has communicated to the President and Secretary Root. There is no intimation that he is not to return to Washington.

**SHOOTS HIS WIFE IN CAR.**

N. D. Nethaway Then Ends His Own Life in Nonyo Elevator.

Jury Holds Her Not Guilty of Murder of Ex-Senator.

"Not guilty" was the verdict rendered by the jury in Washington in the case of Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, charged with the murder of former Senator Arthur M. Brown, of Utah, at a hotel in that city Dec. 8, 1906. Amidst the applause of a crowd that filled the courtroom, Mrs. Bradley, her eyes teary-dimmed, was discharged from custody. Throughout the deliberations the jury, into whose hands the case was given by Justice Stanford in United States Criminal Court, stood 11 to 1 for acquittal. On the final ballot Justice Titus H. Pease, who was holding out for some punishment, yielded. The judge then thanked the jury for their services in which it had performed its duty and the jury through its verdict expressed to the court and counsel its thanks for the consideration and courtesy shown. The jury was then discharged. Mrs. Bradley expressed gratitude over the outcome of the trial, and when asked what plans she had, replied that there was little mapped out.

**NO THIRD TERM, SAY SENATORS.**

Two Call on Roosevelt and Are Convinced He Will Not Run.

Senators Albrecht and Crane, after a call on President Roosevelt yesterday night, are convinced that he will not accept the nomination for President for a third term. Senator Albrecht of Rhode Island and Senator Young of Massachusetts are the two strongest Republicans in the Senate from the Eastern States. Like most of the other Senators they have been of the impression that the President was courting at his own nomination or at least that he was wavering in his determination to decline the honor. The conference convinced them that he would not be a candidate, and although there was no direct quotation of the President, it was not intimated that he had reiterated his famous declaration made on election night in 1904, that the world was passing around the Senate that Albrecht and Crane had sounded the President "sincerely and warmly" in their desire that he would not run under any circumstances.

**THORNLESS CACTUS LATE DIET.**

Scientist Testing It and Declares It Is Great Food.

Indian expert to prove that African cactus, an ingredient of diet, contains sufficient sulphur to combat heart trouble.

**DYNAMITES BY BLACK HAND.**

Bomb Shatters Windows, but Man Who Helped Kidnappers Escapes.

In New Orleans dynamiters tried to blow up the grocery of Charles Gratiot, an Italian who, the police believe, was the intended victim of a Black Hand plot.

The hand-stopped the sidewalk and exploded, shattering all windows in the neighborhood of Palma street and Valencia.

Gratiot was a member of the Italian vigilance committee which was instrumental in convicting several Italians of kidnapping and murdering 8-year-old Walter Lamana last June.

**EXPRESS WRECK: 12 INJURED.**

East-Bound Pennsylvania Train in Smash-Up.

Former Sheriff and Democratic Poll-Golan Found Murdered in Burn.

Engines Clashing, 94 Years Old, Former Sheriff of Washington county, Wis., and prominent in Democratic politics, was found murdered in the barn on his farm three miles south of Waukesha on the Milwaukee road. Tuesday night. There was a nodding gash in his skull, believed to have been inflicted with a sharp pointed iron bar. A sum of \$1000 was missing, which he was known to have carried in his coat pocket.

**JEIRSON SHOOTING GIRL AND MOTHER.**

Nicola de Falco, aged 59 years, a well-known architect, in Philadelphia, twice shot and fatally wounded 14-year-old Cristina Pizzino, while in jealous rage at the girl's mother, Camilla, through the arm, and then attempted to end his life by cutting his throat. His self-inflicted wounds are severe, but not fatal.

The girl had promised to marry another, and the shooting followed when this came to Falco's knowledge.

**FIND MISSING Cashier's Body.**

The body of David R. Rankin, the missing cashier of the Merchants and Planters' Bank of Lawton, Okla., which recently was found by a Comanche Indian boy in Cache Creek, two miles north of Lawton, where it had remained since the evening of Nov. 8, the day of his disappearance. He is believed to have committed suicide. Rankin owed the bank \$3,100 and his accounts were \$62 short.

**WANTS IMMUNITY FOR RESTitution.**

James Hazen Hyde offers to make restitution of \$1,000,000 to the Equitable Life Insurance Society of New York, provided the suits now pending against him are abandoned.

**Four Children Burn to Death.**

In Three Rivers, Quebec, the residence of Mrs. Dupont caught fire, while her husband was attending a meeting of the school commissioners and four of their six children were burned to death.

**RAILWAYS SEEK TO Monopolize.**

W. J. Motte, secretary of the interstate commission, at dinner of the Geographic Society in Chicago said railroads menace the nation by monopoly of land and waterways, and urged action to avert revolution.

**Johnson Wins Farce Flight.**

Major Johnson won his seven-year fight when the Cleveland Electric Company surrendered, and the Ohio city will have 8-cent fares.

## NEW WRINKLE IN GEM ROBBERY

White Women Engage Jeweler Gothic Thieves Bars Through Floor.

A new development in burglary was displayed the other day when Abraham Bobler's jewelry store in West 110th street, New York, was robbed of jewelry said to be valued at \$5,000, while Bobler was in the store. Bobler had dressed his window by piling up a number of boxes and covering them with black cloth. On this cloth valuable jewelry was displayed. Several times Bobler thought he heard rats in the floor, but paid little attention to the scratching noise. Presently, while he was waiting on customers in the rear of the store, a friend came in to ask why Bobler had removed the jewelry from the window. The jeweler rushed to the window. Almost every article of value had disappeared. Investigation showed that the robbers had entered the cellar under the store, cut a hole two feet square in the floor under the boxes, climbed up into one of the boxes by means of a ladder, cut a small hole through the top of the box, slit the black cloth and picked the pieces of jewelry out of the window without difficulty. Two well-dressed women had been in the store a short time before and had kept Bobler engaged in the rear of the room for some time, although they made no purchases.

**HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE FEARED.**

Earth Rent by Tremendous Shock and Explosion Is Heard Eight Miles Away.

**FIVE HUNDRED ARE ENTOMBED IN MINES**

Harrowing Catastrophe Reported in Shafts of the West Virginia Coal Company.

**WORK OF CONGRESS**

Senate convened at 12 m. Monday.

Thirteen new members were sworn in and at 1 p. m. the Senate, out of respect for founders who died since the last session adjourned. The House convened at noon, and Joseph G. Cannon was elected Speaker. One hundred and two members were sworn in and the usual lottery for choice seats for the session was conducted. Several hundred bills were introduced, after which the House, out of respect for departed members, adjourned.

**GUSTAVE V. IS KING IN PLACE OF OSCAR**

New Ruler of Sweden Takes Oath While Whole Nation Bows in Grief.

**MAKES PLEDGE TO PEOPLE**

Proclamation Sets Good of the Fatherland Above All Other Considerations.

## COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

Business activity, as reflected by the volume of payments through banks, makes the best exhibit in four weeks, and there is also a gratifying decline in commercial defaults reported. With the close of the year so near, it is not to be expected that improvement in new demands will develop to any notable extent, but the conditions are more encouraging, and it is clear that the process of readjustment in finance and manufacturing is creating a better basis for future operations.

With the national bank statements issued this week and those previously given out by the State institutions, a clear reflex of the money position is obtained, and the effect is favorable. It is now seen that ample reserves have been established.

Liquidation is yet in evidence in various directions, but notwithstanding the pressure upon some raw materials and finished products, no violent declines appear in prices, and there is more disposition to guard against overaccumulation of supplies. Receipts of industry materials for this has not prevented further decline in values of hides and wool and an easier tendency in costs of iron, lumber and leather.

Failures reported in the Chicago district number 18, against 23 last week and 20 a year ago. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 7, against 11 last week and 7 in 1906.—Dun's Review of Trade.

**NEW YORK.**

Improvement is still largely confined to financial matters. Accompanying this has come an acceleration of the more confident feeling noted in general trade lines and in a few industries, further reinstatement of orders canceled in a panic way some time ago, some renewal of buying for quick shipment from jobbers, and where more seasonal weather has permitted, as in the Northwest and South, some stimulation of the demand at retail for winter apparel and for holiday specialties. At best, however, trade as a whole is still very quiet, and industrial activity is below the normal for this season.

The whole country is bowed with grief, for King Oscar was something more than a ruler of his people, and had endeared himself to them as an intimate and personal friend. When the flag on the palace was dipped to half mast there was a moan of anguish from the assembled multitude, and many of them cried, "Our dear old King is dead."

The certificate issued by the royal physician after the King's death was worded as follows:

"We declare upon oath that his majesty King Oscar II. expired peacefully at 9:10 o'clock this morning in the castle of Stockholm, at the age of 78 years 9 months 17 days, as the result of cerebral hemorrhage, seeking to apply balsam to the bruises of life, but to eliminate the causes of unnecessary injury. We cannot but realize that a large portion of our brethren are the helpless victims of an environment from which they cannot escape, and through which they are destined to physical misery, moral impoverishment and economic inefficiency. It is our duty implicitly to consider what can be done, not merely to afford temporary relief, but to eradicate the causes of these miseries, and to seek a remedy for the abuses on the principles of common law.

No. 8 mine was opened only two years ago and was considered the most modern mine in Central Virginia. It was equipped entirely with electricity and considered absolutely safe. Electric motors were used exclusively, and the shaft throughout was lighted by electricity. Mining machines were used.

**FARMERS ASK GOVERNMENT AID.**

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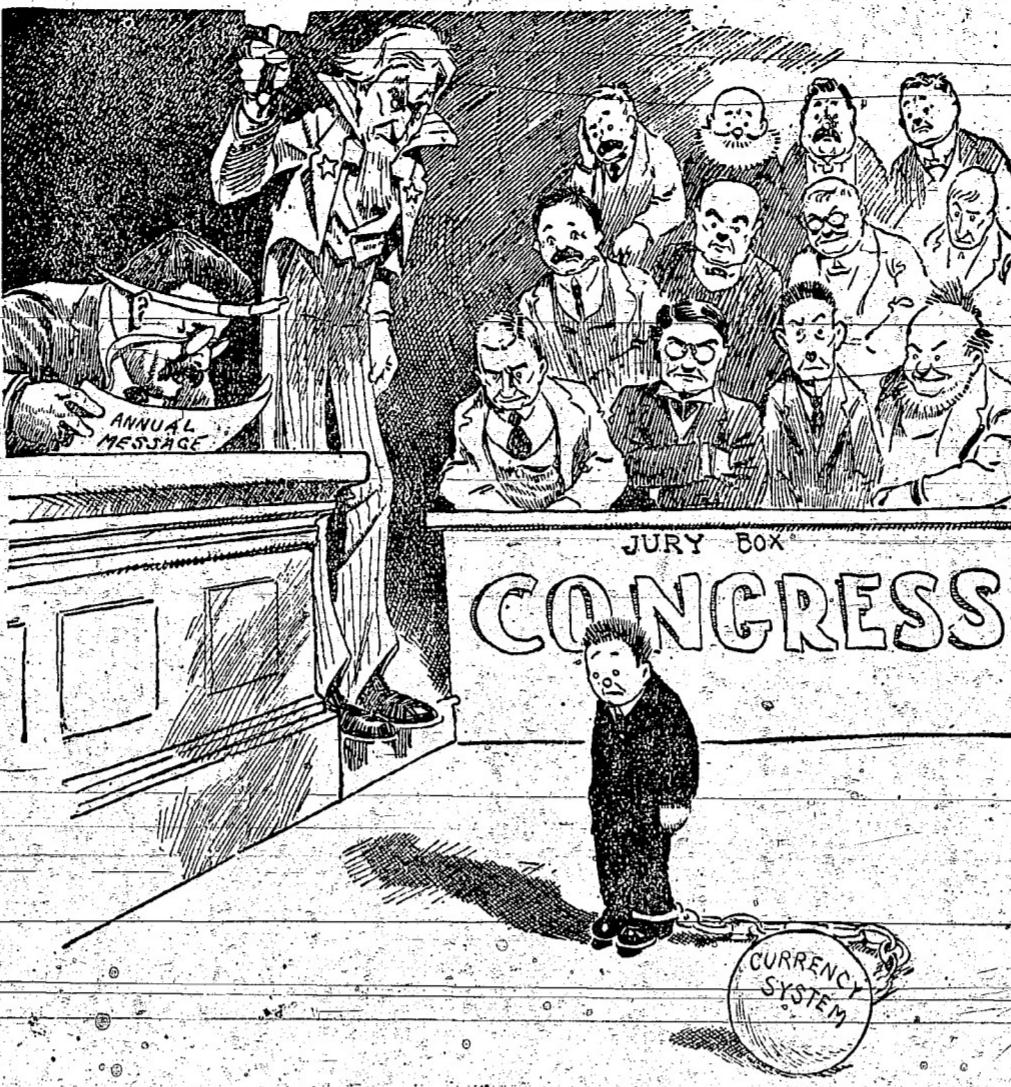
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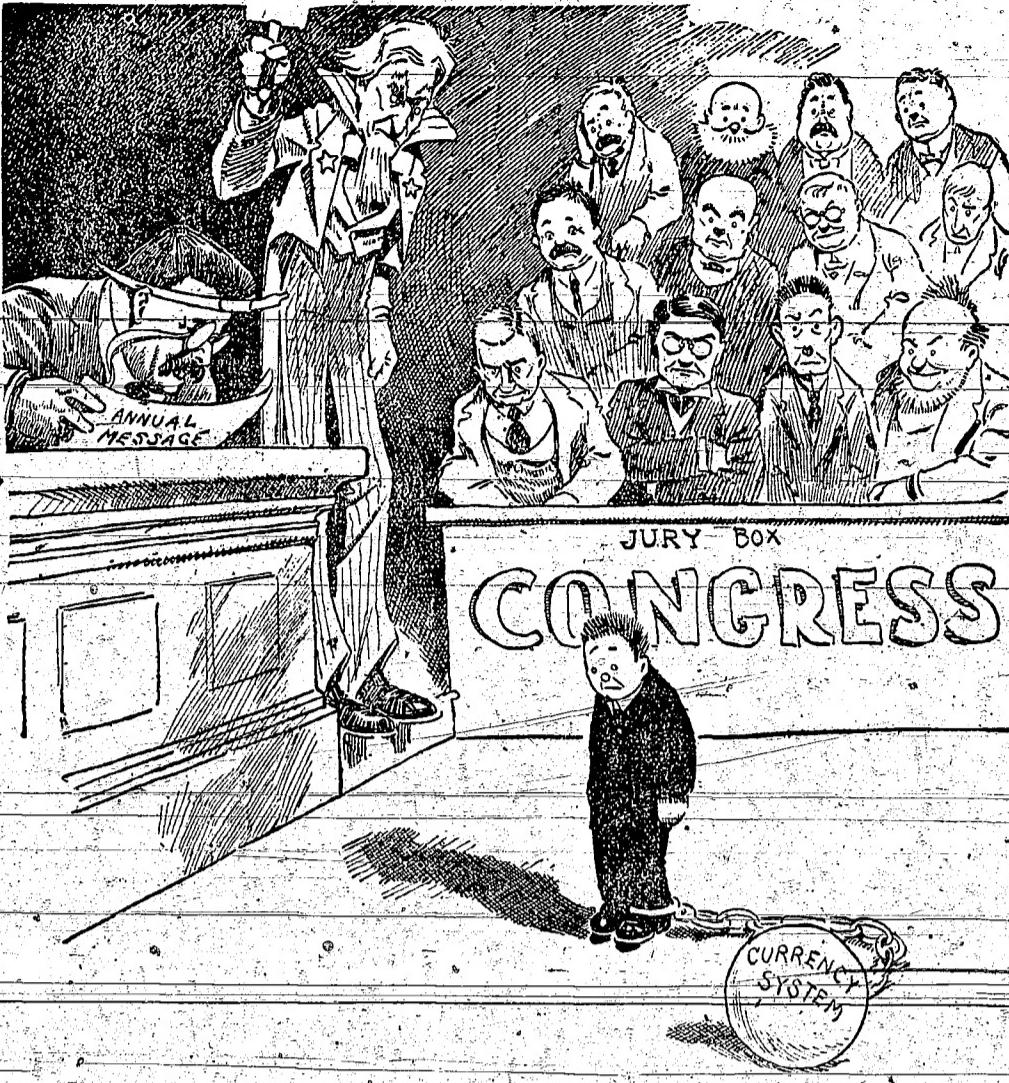
**Infidelity Law Busted Out.** Although New York's new law making infidelity a crime has been in operation only a few weeks, it is already regarded as a dead-letter without a single conviction having been made under it. This is due to the fact that the Special Sessions Court required such absolute evidence that convictions were almost impossible.

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**The body of an unknown man was found on the tracks near Sault Ste. Marie by section men. It had not been touched by the train and the cause of his death is not known. The authorities are investigating.**

**Ypsilanti's Mayor Ends Life.** Felled by his political opponents in his plans to boom the city, and despondent because his favorite projects came to naught, Mayor B. Van Patten of Ypsilanti committed suicide by shooting.

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE COURT IS NOW IN SESSION.



## VALUE OF 1907 CROPS GREATEST ON RECORD

**Products of Soil to Bring \$7,412,000,000 to Farmers This Year.**

**BILLIONS FOR OTHER THINGS.**

**Hay and Cotton Next to Come, While \$500,000,000 Is Wheat Output.**



"Uncle Bill, what is an infinity?" "Oh, 'most anybody that you are married to, Willie." — Stuart.

Aunt Bill, do not vex your husband too much. He will end by going back to his parents.—Transatlantic Tales.

Bogger—Kind lady, I was not always like this—Lady—Nor yesterday you had the other arm tied up.—Chicago News.

"How long can a man go without water?" "I do not know. The longest Pullman trip I ever took occupied seven days." —Louisville Courier-Journal.

"It's generally a mistake," said Uncle Ben, "to lose time furturing work while you are trying to capitalize a hard-luck story." —Washington Star.

Barter—I tell you, no man can realize the meaning of eternity." Carter—"I don't know. I spent a week once in Philadelphia." —Somerville Journal.

"I'll make you sorry you ever quareled with me!" "What will you do? Go home to your mother, I suppose?" "No, I'll bring mother here!" —Shrubby Bits.

Young Wife—I am unlucky! Yesterday the best was roasting beautifully in the oven, and whilst I ran to tell my husband about it, it burst—Maggendorfer Blaetter.

"Woman is considered the weaker vessel," she remarked, "and yet—well?" he queried, as she hesitated. "And yet," she continued, "man is the stronger brother." —Truth.

He—You know, if you worry about every little thing, it's bound to affect your health.

His wife—Yes, I know. That's one of the things I worry about.—Town and Country.

Farmer—Well, Fritz, I've decided to retire from business. You shall take charge of it.

Son—Can't you work a couple of years more? Then we'll both retire! —Filigenzo-Blaetter.

"Initiative is the greatest thing that we all need and that most of us lack." "Well, my husband has lots of it," replied Mrs. Gottwald. "It's initiated into something nearly every night." —Chicago Record-Herald.

"That's the way the things was told to me, but, of course, there's always more than one side to a story." "Of course, there are always as many sides to a story as there are people to blame." —Philadelphia Press.

"Everyone says she is the unluckiest girl in the world." "What's the matter now?" "She was just about to marry a traveling man when he was admitted to the infirmary and now he will be at home all the time." —New York Globe.

Country Doctor—That's the worse case of rye neck I ever see, Peleg. How'd you get it?

Tulge—Drivin' that new mare mine, an' overlainly lookin' behind Puck: see if an auto wuz comin'—Puck.

Bubbs—Would you consider him a gentleman?

Slobbs—No.

Bubbs—Why, he's always trying to borrow money.

Slobbs—Yes, but he doesn't get it—Philadelphia Record.

"When I was your age," said the secretary, "I was compelled to earn my own living." "Sir," answered the impatient youth, "I know too little of the circumstances to attempt to defend my grandfather." —Washington Star.

Miss Minny Somers—By the by, you are not the boy I have always had before. Caddie—No; yet see we're tossed to see who'd endurable for you.

Miss Minny Somers (awfully pleased)—Oh, tut, tut, you bad boys—and you won? Caddie—No, I lost. The Tat-

ter—About the greatest man who ever lived in this community was Doug Skinner, broad minded, big-hearted, and brilliant, and yet he died with all his talents and goodness unsuspected.

"How did you come to find out about him?" "I married his widow." Houston Post.

"Do you know who that old renter is talking to our hostas?" asked Mrs. Blunderer of the lady sitting beside her. "That," answered the lady, "is my son." "Oh," gasped Mrs. Blunderer in confusion, "he's a good deal older than you are, is he?" —Eiphine's.

Sunday School Teacher—Tommy, the lesson says it is more blessed to give than to receive. Can you give? He is an example in which that is true? Tommy—Tucker—Yes, it's won't be away from home, and 'stead of waitin' to paw she sends him picture cards.—Chicago Tribune.

"Be sure you're right, and then go ahead," said the man who likes to smoke. "Yes," answered the energetic citizen. "But try not to waste too much time making sure, or you're liable to be like the man who studied his timetable so long that he missed his train." —Washington Star.

Rondside Wit.

He who watched wits with the author of "The Ancient Mariner" had indeed a lively task before him, for Coleridge was never caught napping. The poet was so awkward a horseman that his riding often attracted comment of anything but a complimentary nature.

One day he was riding along the turnpike road in the county of Durham when a wag who met him fastened upon him as an excellent subject for sport. Consequently he drew rein and said in an impudent drawl:

"My graceful friend, did you happen to meet a tailor on the road?"

"I'm inclined to think I did," said Coleridge meditatively. "It was not at the moment, but he said something about my meeting a goose farther along the road."

The wag put spurs to his horse, and the post jogged easily on his way.

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## The End of a Practical Joke

By EDWARD EVERETT HORTON

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"If you will keep quiet and act like a rational being, my dear," I say, somewhat impatiently, to my young sister, "I will read the letter again. Listen:

Holmes, Jan. 20.—My Dear Daughter, it is with great gratification that I am able at last to accurately determine the date of my departure from this city for my beloved Maryland home, which I am happy to say, I hope never to leave again. My business affairs in South America have terminated far more successfully than I had expected, and on my return I find my charming daughters and all my friends enjoying half as good health as I do, then shall I be happy indeed.

"I purpose leaving here on the 24th on the Habana, which sails for New York, and if everything goes well, will get back on the 27th to my loving father—H. H. FAIRFAIR."

"P. S.—In my wanderings in South America I came across a very fine—Here I stop reading. There is a blotted word on the paper which I cannot make out. Lillian, my sister, is quieting down, somewhat looks over my shoulder to assist in solving the knotty problem.

"Now, I call the Cherub, and as he is a spic-and-span infant, bringing him with me. Send Jackson to the station late in the afternoon."

"FATHER!" cries the irrepressible Lillian, clapping her hands and hugging me. "After all these years he is coming home. Oh, how thankful I am!"

Gently I disengaged my sister's arms from around my neck and wipe away tears of joy.

"God has been very good to us," I say, impressively, "ever since mother died. Let us thank him for it."

Taking the letter from my hand, Lillian essays to read the blotted word, finally uttering a little cry of vexation. "What can it be?" she says again and again, and her persistence causes me to look up.

"Oh, I say, carelessly, "probably some native of the jungle—a mutato boy, perhaps; or maybe it's a dog."

"Silence, again for a full minute, then:

"Rose," says Lillian, solemnly, weighing each word, "are you blind? Do you not recall what a practical joke father is?"

I readily yielded this point. No fooler had ever lived than Henry Fairfax, is the comment of those who know him; and I have had reason to remember many of his tricks.

"It's as plain as day. The Cherub, as father calls him, is an ugly, mischievous, peace-destroying, tantalizing monkey," says Lillian, dwelling on the syllables of the adjectives to give them proper weight, and that blot on the paper is made purposely to set his charming daughters to guessing. So there!"

I sink back in my chair, perfectly agast and unnerved.

"What! a monkey in this house, known of all homes for its order and nicety, a monkey here to pull Rover's tail and to frighten Aunt Chloe out of her wits, to tear the feathers out of the parrot's tail and to kill my pet canaries, to say nothing of ruining—yes, ruining—my roots and bulbs in the hothouse; a monkey in this house to—"

My tongue fails me. The awful truth of my sister's words comes with crushing force. Long and earnestly we discuss the alarming situation, many are the suggestions offered and plans made for preventing the enemy's entrance into our sacred home. We finally evolved an elaborate plan to take the "horrid" cherub from father immediately on his arrival and set him free.

It is the night before father's arrival and all is in readiness for his coming. To bed and to sleep we finally go. Lillian to dream of the incidents of the morrow and I to dream of him who is coming o'er the sea, my mind gradually wandering off to one who went down at sea some ten years ago, due primarily to my cruel and heartless refusal of his earnest suit for my hand.

It is along toward four o'clock of the next day when the crunching noise made by the feet of a heavy man is heard approaching nearer and nearer.

The man stops at the steps of the veranda and stamps the snow from his feet, then walks hastily up. He crosses the veranda quickly, stops, stamps again, grasps the knocker and gives one loud blow. In a flash the door is thrown open and we fall—literally fall, for I fear we make a sad mess of it—upon the neck of a very much wrapped-up athletic gentleman, whose vice-like grip around our waists nearly takes the breath away. Then—but why tell it? O merciful heaven, the man is no more like my father than I to Hercules!

Before losing consciousness, I hear the voice of the stranger calling out to a figure coming up the steps: "Well, Fairfax, this is a warm reception, and no mistake."

At dinner I am introduced to a bronze-faced, bearded gentleman of the name of Mr. Hubert Bancroft, and the joy caused by my father's return quickly drives away all thoughts of the eventful afternoon.

It is a happy party that gathers before the grate at night. Father's thrilling stories of adventure, told in matchless style, and his description of the peoples among whom it was his fortune to be thrown; his irrepressible humor, shaded occasionally by

a bit of pathos, all contribute to make the evening one never to be forgotten. I have not had the opportunity of examining Mr. Bancroft's face as well as I would like; he is taciturn and sits in the shadow, and I am rather shy after my brilliant performance of the afternoon.

"Bancroft, my cherubic friend," cries father, finishing the story of his success in the gold mines of Mexico and his ventures in the copper fields of Chile, "you conclude that story, my lad, and tell us all how it was that we came together."

Thus appealed to, my father's friend tells how he left the United States for a South American port as sailor; how he suffered, being "green," on board the vessel; how at last, when nearing their destination, the port of Africa, a fearful tremor, or earthquake, came, and the vessel was wrecked, all on board perishing save three.

"The three—what became of them?" say I, leaning forward, rather pleased with the narrator's voice.

"Of the three, one was left on a desert island, having become crazed after days and days on the sea in an open boat."

"How cruel in you! And did he die alone, forsaken by all who loved him, with no hand to help him, no one to hold his dying head?" say I, quickly, my breath coming in gasps. A great fear seizes me, I know not why.

The gentleman hesitates and looks at father, who in turn looks sharply at him; then father suddenly bolts from his chair, as is his custom when excited over any matter, and strides the floor.

"Of that man who was left on the barren island," continues the narrator,

"the elephant is common at night, and the bellowing of the hippopotamus by day or night. The antelopes cry at night when the leopard is on the hunt for them, the latter also grunting.

**REASON FOR THE PREFERENCE.**

**Husband Evidently Shared in Dauntless Meant for Wife.**

The Lady Bountiful of the parish was going her rounds and called at a cottage occupied by a "model" for some years. "And how is Mary to-day?" inquired the visitor. "Just about the same, thankee kindly, mem," was the reply. "Did she enjoy those little things I sent her yesterday?" asked the lady. "The things come all right, mem, 'n' we be greatly obliged; but if I might make so bold, would ye not send her any more of that jelly? Some jam—strawberry jam—is much more sociable, mem." "Why, doesn't she care for the jelly?" was the natural query. "Yes, mem, she do, but I can't say as I does."—Judge's Library.

**Fashion in Medicine.**

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**Would Manage Finances.**

"I might just as well throw money away at once as to lend it to you," she said to the artist as he came in and began to smoke a cigarette. "You pay me in dribs and I am so surprised to get anything back that I hurry to spend it. Do you remember, not long ago, when you got paid for a water color and stopped me on the street and gave me back two dollars of that five dollars you borrowed? Well, I just went along spending that money foolishly for things I didn't need at all. I was so amazed at getting it back again." "You poor little thing," he said to her softly, "I'll never let you spend money foolishly, like that again."

**Dissipated Men of Genius.**

There is an unpleasing side light thrown on the days of W. E. Henley in his青年, when he was a dissipated man.

"That's modest, Hubert," my father breaks in, speaking rapidly. "Let me finish it. You saved my life from cowardly and dastardly a set of scoundrels as ever lived. I found out who and what you were, your condition in life, and so forth, and together we went up into the interior, struck a mine, and, thanks be to God, here we are, rich men, happy and strong, and with many years of life before us, let us hope."

"Mr. Bancroft," say I, nervously for a question, the answer to which may kill me. "do you know the name of either of those men who died?"

"For the life of me I can't recall either name," he replies, after some reflection. At this reply father stops short in his nervous striding and looking at his friend, utters a low whistle—a most extraordinary performance, as it expressed wonder at such a statement. I grow suspicious.

"And the name of him who was saved was—"

John Mortimer is the thrillingly pestered, uttered in a low voice.

I gasp hysterically, totter to my feet, fall in a heap.

At this juncture a most unexpected incident occurs.

Father, with a dart like lightning, sprang at the man, snatches his from his feet, then walks hastily up. He crosses the veranda quickly, stops, stamps again, grasps the knocker and gives one loud blow. In a flash the door is thrown open and we fall—literally fall, for I fear we make a sad mess of it—upon the neck of a very much wrapped-up athletic gentleman, whose vice-like grip around our waists nearly takes the breath away. Then—but why tell it? O merciful heaven, the man is no more like my father than I to Hercules!

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## "CHILDREN'S DAY" WITH ANTS.

Youngster's Pretty Idea of the Gathering of the Small Creatures.

"Mamma, next Sunday is to be Children's Day. Shall I have my new white dress for that day? All the little girls to be dressed in white." "Yes, Gertrude, I will promise you your dress for that day." "And shall I have my dress, too?" asked two-year-old Roy, the little sunbeam of the family. "Gosh, you are only a little bit of a boy, just the 'sunbeam' of our home. You don't go to Sunday school, you know." "Can't go. Children's day, mamma? Can't I go, papa?"

"Well, why not, little sunbeam, I should think you might, on this great day for children." And so it was decided that Little "Sunbeam" should go, if he would promise not to get tired, and also promise to be a "good boy."

It was a very proud little boy who joined with the infant class, and marched out into the main room, and tried to join in with the singing. He watched the other classes march two by two, and it made a very great impression on him. On the following day he was playing in the grounds which surrounded his home, when he noticed what seemed to him to be an army of ants, all going in the same direction. He ran breathless to his mother, calling: "Mumma, come quick, and see! It must be children's day."

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The animals which have the fewest reasons to fear betrayal by their voices are by nature the most silent. During

Prof. Garner's three years' residence

in the jungle he found that the chimpanzee frequently breaks the silence of the forest by answering the cries of the various other animals.

The gorilla is less loquacious, but there

are times when he ignores all danger

of betrayal and gives vent to a deluge

of speech. Other monkey species are persistent talkers, and can be heard at almost any hour. The trumpeting of

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**INFLUENCE OF DIET ON SLEEP.**

**Effect of Certain Foods Largely Imaginary, Says Physician.**

Diet has little influence on sleep, except in so far as it may produce disturbances of digestion and through those of the general balance of health. The hypnotic effects of certain foods, such as onions, lettuce, milk, etc., are chiefly imaginary. Even the time of the last meal of the day is of relatively little importance, except that it is well to let this be at least two or three hours before retiring. But even this rule has many exceptions, as many healthy-laboring men habitually fall asleep over their pipes directly after supper, and children, after poking the spoon into their little eyes, nod off over the tea-table, with the bread and butter still clutched in their chubby fists.

The processes of digestion probably go on more slowly during sleep, but they are perfectly carried out, as is illustrated by the almost invariable sleep among animals of going to sleep directly after a meal.

Indeed, a moderate amount of food in the stomach or intestines seems to promote slumber. Many night workers, for instance, sleep much better by taking a light or even full supper just before retiring. Dr. Woods Hutchinson, in the American Magazine.

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**Have Come Back for You, Rose.**

or, "nothing was ever heard, but the boat containing the two seamen was picked up by a coasting vessel and the poor fellows were landed at last at Valparaiso, Chile. Here one of them died, while the other, happening to the interest chance to save the life of an American from assassins in the streets of Valparaiso."

**Practice What May Harness a Horse.**

We adopted an original plan of harnessing in order to make the operation

easier for the women to do alone. It is adapted somewhat after the fire engine method. The bridle having been slipped on in the stall, the horse comes out and backs into the shafts, which, with the harness, are secured to the ceiling. This is lowered by weight and pulley. The Dutch collar is cut at the center of the front, and a strong buckle set in. It is then only necessary to snap the reins into the bit, buckle the girth straps and all is in readiness.

**Good Housekeeping.**

**Making Out a Case.**

"What is his plea?"

"Insanity."

"Who are his lawyers?"

"He's acting as his own lawyer."

"Good housekeeping."

**International Courtesy.**

An exceptionally pretty girl, with an English flag lieutenant at her side,

was standing on a chair on the pier watching the racing. On a chair behind were two Frenchmen. The lady turned round and said in French: "I hope I do not obstruct your view."

"Mademoiselle," quickly replied one of the men. "I much prefer the obstruction to the view."

Can the on-lookers draw a fine lesson of courtesy from that?

**Setting up rival claims for fame and favor.**

Setting up rival claims for fame and favor generally ends in inspiring criticism and disgust.

## FOREST NOT ALWAYS SILENT.

Prof. Garner Authority for Assertion That Wild Animals Converse.

The chatter of monkeys is a real

chatter and conversation, some folks

say. Prof. R. L. Garner, who has spent

the greater part of several years in

the forests of Africa studying the lan-